

Zamperini Wins Mile Easily at L. B. Relays

Gets 5 Points On Massive Gold Trophy

Driving away with plenty of reserve, Louie Zamperini, Torrance ace trackster, won the W. R. Martin Invitational mile event at the 20th annual Long Beach Relays in 4:23.3 last Saturday and staggered off the field at the close of the track festival, lugging the largest trophy he has yet to win in sports competition.

Standing 42 inches high on a two by three foot mahogany base, the award is a real work of casting art. Shining in its gold plate and skillfully modeled figures, it will be placed on display in one of the Sam Levy Department store windows next week.

Zamperini will have possession of the trophy until the Relays are run next year when it will go to the winner of the feature mile race.

Works Out Afterward

Louie started with 10 other milers after once deciding not to enter the event. He went to the starting line after Relay officials had told him that he was needed to "save the event" because of the failure of the headliners from northern schools and athletic clubs to appear on account of the weather conditions.

Zamperini led all the way. Johnny Wall, Olympic club entry, gave him some competition at the beginning of the fourth lap when the San Francisco took the lead from the Torrance boy who was running unattached. But Louie stepped up and easily recovered his commanding position and at the finish was going away from the others strung out behind him.

He was fresh enough at the finish to remain after the event was over and the small number of spectators had left the field to take a brief workout on the track. Zamperini's chief contenders in the mile, in addition to Wall, were Paul Van Alstine, U.C.L.A., and a runner from Modesto Junior college.

Scheduled to run the 880, in a 4-man 2-mile relay, Zamperini pulled out of that event to concentrate on the mile. In winning the latter event, he gained five points on the huge Martin trophy which will be permanently awarded to the athlete accumulating the most points in three years' Long Beach Relay mile competition.

Junior college athletes captured the spotlight from college and university teams, even humbling U.S.C. winners of the national collegiate title for three straight years, in the open events Saturday. It was an afternoon of Jayco triumphs. Northern California teams were unable to compete on account of snarled transportation.

HOPING FOR SUN

Rained out again last Sunday at Culver City, the Torrance Merchants' baseball club hopes to see action next Sunday at the Carthay Circle playground. Third and Robertson, when they play the Roberts' Dairy nine.

MANY TENNIS PLAYERS So great is the interest in tennis at Narbonne high school

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Among Louie's Souvenirs . . .



Here is one athletic trophy Louie Zamperini won't be able to pack around alone. The big award was given him Saturday after he coasted to victory in the mile at the Long Beach Relays. The smaller trophy held by the Torrance Olympian came with the big one and it will be his permanent possession. Louie has to win five more points in two more Relays to put the huge gold-plated trophy among his souvenirs. The major award will go on display next week at Sam Levy's Department store.

MOSER'S HITS WIN GAMES

Don Moser was instrumental in bringing two victories to the Torrance Tartars' softball team yesterday in double-header games with Bell at Bell's diamond. The scores in both games were 1 to 0. Moser and Eddie Dawson each pitched one-hit games for the Tartars. In the first engagement Moser hit Johnny Schmidt home after Schmidt had tripled. In the second he again hit in the winning run for the Tartars.

The victories were sweet revenge to the Tartars because some time ago Bell crushed the Tartars 14 to 0 in a 27-strikeout game. Last week the Tartars lost two games to Washington high, 3 to 0 and 10 to 1.

The next game for the local softball team will be at Washington on March 16. The Tartars go to Jefferson March 22 and play return games with Bell here on March 23. Jordan comes here for a double-header on April 5.

that an addition to the tennis courts will be made in the near future.

2ND CAGE ROUND OPENS

The second half schedule of the Torrance Merchants' basketball league gets under way tonight with the A. & P. playing Merrills and the National Supply clashing with Paxmans at the high school gym. National Home Appliance will play at Gardena.

Last Thursday night the Homers won from Paxmans, 33 to 29 in a fill-in game while A. & P. defeated the Supply squad 48 to 24 to complete the first half schedule. Tuesday night Paxmans defeated the crack French Athletic club team of Los Angeles 33 to 30 and Lang's Lomita quintet beat National Home 38 to 32.

Next Tuesday night, March 15, will see the following games: At the high school gym: Paxmans vs. A. & P.; Gardena vs. Merrills, and at Gardena National Home Appliance will take on the National Supply.

Gaucha Cross-Country Run Is March 16

A large field will take off at Narbonne high school when the annual cross-country run starts next Wednesday afternoon, March 16. Interest in the event is exceptionally high, according to Vice-Principal Ben Comrada, because this year a new course record will be set.

The run will cover about a mile and a half, which is about 200 yards longer than previous barrier distances and thus the winner next week will automatically set a new course record. The most likely candidates to come in first are Wayne Cox, winner of the 1937 race; Neal Cramer, Charles Dadds, the Peck brothers, George and Everett, Ernest Coombs and Joe Runte.

Neva Going to Illinois Team

Louis ("Neva") Novikoff, famed softball pitcher who hurled the "Torrance Bluebirds" to a Southern California championship several years ago, is to be given a chance with a Moline (Ill.) professional club this spring. Last year "Neva," as he was known here, proved a great slugger at Ponca City, Okla. The Moline team is a training school for the Los Angeles Baseball club.

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T-L Merchants Win Fast Game From R. K. O's

A fast and interesting game with both the Torrance-Lomita Merchants and the R.K.O. Studio nine playing perfect baseball took a large number of spectators' minds off flood-damage last Sunday. The hour and 45-minute engagement went to the T-L Merchants, 3 to 2.

Hamilton pitched a fine game and was in trouble only once; in the eighth inning he had the bases loaded with none out; but only one run was scored; two were thrown out at home plate. He allowed the Studio club six hits while the local team was rapping Weinstein, R.K.O. pitcher, for the same number.

Next Sunday the Goodyear Service nine is coming here for a game with Walt Morris' team. The last time the Goodyears played on the city park dia-

Narbonne Pitcher Fans 15 Out of 21 In Oiler Game

A new pitching record was set at Narbonne Friday, March 4, when Ambrose Falca fanned 15 men out of 21 outs. This new record, which superseded the last season one of 14 strikeouts, occurred in a game played with El Segundo. The Gauchos won, 15 to 2. At the same time Banning was beating Gardena 5 to 2 at Gardena.

Next Friday the Marine League ball battle will continue with Narbonne playing at Gardena. On Tuesday, March 15, the Gauchos will meet Banning, a previously scheduled game having been rained out.

Fishhook Costs \$20 WESTFIELD, Mass. (U.P.)—One fish hook cost Frank J. Schmitt \$20. He was fined for fishing with one more than the 10 hooks allowed by law. Monday they defeated the T-L club in 10 innings.

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